

Justice ("Department") has tentatively consented to termination of the Judgment, but has reserved the right to withdraw consent pending receipt of public comments.

On January 11, 1944, the Division sued Allied, National Furniture Warehouseman's Association ("NFWA"), and several hundred of their member carriers in the Northern District of Illinois, alleging violations of sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Sherman Act. Specifically, the complaint alleged that defendants had committed a number of anticompetitive practices with respect to the business of interstate common carriage of household goods by motor vehicle for hire: conspiracy to monopolize; attempt to monopolize; actual monopolization; price fixing; bid rigging; refusals to deal; exclusion of competitors from membership in Allied; and expulsion of members who did not follow Allied's rules. On December 28, 1945, NFWA, Allied, and 440 of their member agents consented to entry of a judgment against them. The Judgment, as subsequently modified, has two major provisions remaining in effect: forcing NFWA to divest any interest in Allied; and prohibiting interlocking directorates by enjoining NFWA from employing officers or directors of Allied. NFWA is now known as the National Moving and Storage Association ("NMSA").

NMSA now plans to merge with the American Movers Conference ("AMC"). Allied officers, directors, or employees traditionally served as officers or members of the board of AMC. After the merger, the new association formed by the merger will be the only major trade association for household moving companies. Allied wishes to continue to be represented on the board of the new association and therefore seeks termination of the judgment in this case.

The Department and Allied have filed with the Court memoranda that set forth the reasons why they believe that termination of the consent judgment would serve the public interest. Copies of Allied's application to terminate, the Stipulation containing the Government's consent, the supporting memoranda, and all additional papers filed with the Court in connection with this motion will be available for inspection at the Antitrust Documents Group of the Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 215, North Liberty Place Building, 325 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004, and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Twentieth Floor, 209 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Copies of these materials may be

obtained from the Antitrust Division upon request and payment of the duplicating fee determined by Department of Justice regulations.

Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed termination of the Judgment to the Department. Such comments must be received by the Antitrust Division within sixty days and will be filed with the Court by the Department. Comments should be addressed to Andrew K. Rosa, Trial Attorney, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 325 Seventh Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20004, telephone (202) 307-0886.

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Director of Civil Non-Merger Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Advanced Structures

Notice is hereby given that, on October 2, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Caterpillar Inc. filed notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing a change in membership of a joint venture to develop technology for the fabrication of "Advanced Structures". The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Automotive Products Company, Milwaukee, WI, formerly owned by A.O. Smith Corporation, has been acquired by Tower Automotive, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI, and Tower Automotive, Inc. has replaced A.O. Smith Corporation as a member of the joint venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the joint venture. Membership remains open and Advanced Structures intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On October 2, 1997, Caterpillar Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Advanced Structures

Notice is hereby given that, on October 2, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Caterpillar Inc. filed notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of a cooperative research venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Caterpillar Inc., Peoria, IL; A.O. Smith Corporation, Milwaukee, WI; The Lincoln Electric Company, Cleveland, OH; and U.S. Steel, Pittsburgh, PA.

The objective of the joint venture is to develop technology for the fabrication of "Advanced Structures" with the intent to improve and protect today's U.S. share of the global market in the heavy manufacturing industry. The project will focus on improving the durability (fatigue) and reliability of welded steel structures for heavy manufacturing industry, and aluminum structures for surface transportation industry. The improved performance will be achieved by combining and matching developments in a number of key technologies in steel rolling, first operations, welding, and process simulation. The goal is to improve the fatigue performance of both steel and aluminum fabricated structures.

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—CommerceNet Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on November 7, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), CommerceNet Consortium,